

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

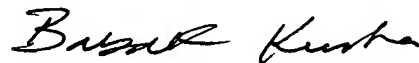
Claims 1-22 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-22 were rejected. In this response, Applicants have canceled claims 1-22 without acquiescence and prejudice. New claims 23-34 have been added. Thus, with this amendment claims 23-34 will be pending. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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